

REMARKS

In preparation for the Appeal Brief, Applicants have amended claims 15 and 18 to comply with the Examiner's claim objections. Claims 15 and 18 have been amended for clarification purposes only, and do not contain new matter or raise new issues that would require further consideration by the Examiner. Moreover, entry of the present amendment reduces issues for appeal.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted claims 15 and 18 are now in condition for appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

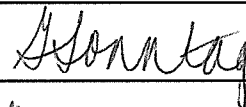
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